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It is not believed that any fees are due with respect to the amendment of the claims herein. However, should any additional fees be due, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge all such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1990.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection have been avoided and/or traversed. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to enter the amendment herein, reconsider and withdraw the rejections and objections and allow Claims 15-25, as amended, all claims in the case following amendment.

Should the Examiner believe that allowance of this application might be expedited by further discussion of the issues, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at the contact telephone number listed below, is cordially invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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